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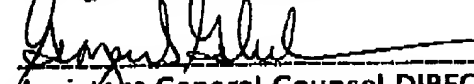
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- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO communication dated November 18, 2004

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PATENT
Docket No. PD-200235
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michael H. Ficco, et al.

Serial No.: 09/729,010

Filed: December 4, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING DIGITAL
VIDEO RECORDING

Date: February 15, 2005

Group Art Unit: 2136

Examiner: Brandon S. Hoffman

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ _____

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated November 18, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

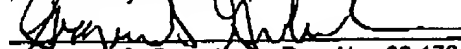
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	29	minus	53*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7	minus	7**	=	1	x	\$ 200.00	\$	-0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 360.00	\$	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:									\$ 00.00

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formally Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

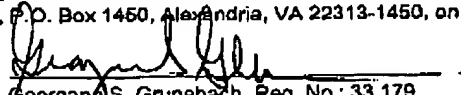
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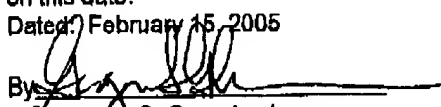

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
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In response to the Office action dated November 18, 2004, please enter the following
amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims, are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.